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[It was previously reported in [REDACTED] that a group of Soviets including railroad workers, commercial representatives, ex-soldiers, and civilians were repatriated to Manchuria by a Soviet ship which had arrived at Taku on 1 December 1946.]

1. Thirty of the civilians were former emigrants who had been employed in Mukden and were forced to evacuate. The "ex-soldiers" were Soviet army personnel who had remained behind when the Soviet troops withdrew. There were also some Soviet army deserters who had overcoats over their shoulders to hide the fact that their hands were tied behind their backs.
2. One company of Chinese troops with four machine guns guarded the group for the stated purpose of protecting them from attack from the outside. The Soviets were divided into smaller groups of five, under the control of a trusted Soviet citizen to prevent contact with outsiders.
3. One of the evacuees, Vasily Nikolaevich Orlov, a former teacher in Harbin, commit suicide by hanging himself with a strap in the train lavatory. He had been taunted by other travelers about how his account would be settled when they reached the USSR.

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4. The Soviet citizens of Tientsin, Babushkin and Dr. Duchinsky, applied to the Consul for passage on the ship "Gogol" carrying the evacuees and were told to wait until next year when routine shipping would be established and all who desired to leave could do so.
5. Rumors, reportedly originating from Soviet consular officials, are prevalent to the effect that a part of the Soviet colony will be evacuated by May of next year. It is said that only those necessary technically to Soviet Consulate activities will be allowed to remain and will be under consular protection.

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